AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) A process for degreasing or cleaning a hard surface, comprising the step of using an aqueous medium comprising at least one compound employed in a concentration of from 0.01 to 10 g/l, having the following formula (I):

$$Z\text{-}X\text{-}[CH(R^3)\text{-}CH(R^4)\text{-}O]_n\text{-}[CH_2CH_2\text{-}O]_p\text{-}R^5 \quad (I)$$

wherein:

- Z represents a bicyclo[a,b,c]heptenyl or bicyclo[a,b,c]heptyl group, wherein:

  $a + b + c = 5$,

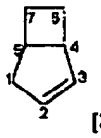
  $a = 2$, $a=3$, or $a=4$,

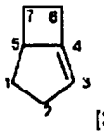
  $b = 2$ or $b=1$, and

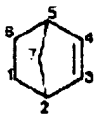
  $c = 0$ or $c=1$,

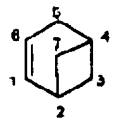
  the bicyclo[a,b,c]heptenyl or bicyclo[a,b,c]heptyl group being optionally substituted by at least one C_1-C_6 alkyl group,

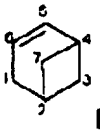
  Z being selected from the group consisting of the groups of the following formulae a) to g), and the groups of the following formulae a) to g) minus the double bond:

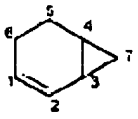
a)  [3.2.0]

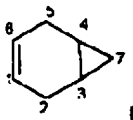
b)  [3.2.0]

c)  [2.2.1]

d)  [3.1.1]

e)  [3.1.1]

f)  [4.1.0]

g)  [4.1.0]

- X represents $-CH_2-C(R^1)(R^2)-O-$ or $-O-CH(R'^1)-CH(R'^2)-O-$, wherein:

  - R^1, R^2, R'^1 and R'^2, which are identical or different, represent hydrogen, or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_{22} hydrocarbon group,

  - R^3 and R^4, which are identical or different, represent hydrogen or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_{22} hydrocarbon group, provided that at least one of groups R^3 or R^4 is other than hydrogen,

  - R^5 represents hydrogen, a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, aromatic or non-aromatic C_1-C_{22} hydrocarbon group, which may be substituted, or a group selected from the group consisting of the following groups:

    $-SO_3M$

    $-OPO_3(M)_2$

    $-(CH_2)_r-COOM$, and

    $-(CH_2)_z-SO_3M$,

wherein :

- M represents hydrogen, an alkali metal or an ammonium function $N(R)_4^+$, wherein R, which is identical or different, represents hydrogen or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_{22} hydrocarbon group, optionally hydroxylated,

- r is from 1 to 6, and

- z is from 1 to 6;

- n is an integer or a fractional number from 3 to 5 inclusive, and

- p is an integer or a fractional number from 6 to 10, limits excluded.

15. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is a metal surface.

16. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein R^1, R^2, R'^1 and R'^2, which are identical or different, represent hydrogen, or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C_1-C_6 hydrocarbon group.

17. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein n is equal to 3.

18. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein p is from 6.2 to 7, limits included.

19. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 18, wherein p is from 6.3 to 7, limits included.

20. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 19, wherein n is from 4 to 5.

21. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein p is from 7 inclusive to 10 exclusive.

22. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein p is from 8 inclusive to 10 exclusive.

23. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein group Z is substituted on at least one of carbon atom by two C_1-C_6 alkyl groups.

24. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein X represents – CH_2-$C(R^1)(R^2)$-O- and Z is selected from the group consisting of the groups of formulae c) to g).

25. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 24, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of the groups of formulae d) and e).

26-28 (Canceled).

29. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is a metal plate, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.

30. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, the hard surface is a platform, and the concentration of compound is in the range from 0.01 to 10 g/l.

31. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is an oil production well, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.